

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-7708-2018

Date of decision: 5.3.2020

Pawandeep Singh and others

.....Petitioners.

vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate for respondents No. 2 and 3.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The prayer of the petitioners, fifteen in number, who are working as firemen/fire drivers in the service of the Municipal Corporation, Moga, was to direct the said body to submit a proposal regarding extension of their services, as recommended by the Fire Station Officer, Fire Brigade, Municipal Corporation, Moga. Their further prayer was to direct the authorities not to relieve them from service on 31.3.2018.

It is not in dispute that the petitioners' services were continued even beyond 31.3.2018. Therefore, their grievance in that regard stands settled. Insofar as the first prayer is concerned, Mr. Vikas Chatrath, learned counsel appearing for the Municipal Corporation, Moga, would inform this Court that the authorities of the Municipal Corporation, Moga, are in favour of submitting a proposal for continuance of the

petitioners in service to the Director, Local Government, Punjab, the second respondent, in accordance with due procedure, duly taking into account the recommendation made by the fifth respondent as well as the factual position.

In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Municipal Corporation, Moga, to submit a proposal regarding extension of the services of the petitioners to the Director, Local Government, Punjab, within two months from today. Thereupon, the Director, Local Government, Punjab, the second respondent, shall take an appropriate decision expeditiously and in any event, not later than one month from the date of submission of the proposal. The services of the petitioners shall not be dispensed with pending this exercise.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

5.3.2020

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